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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

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In response to the final Office Action dated September 16, 2002, having a three (3) month shortened statutory period set to expire December 16, 2002, Applicants respectfully request a one-month extension of time up to and including January 16, 2003. Please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 68 as follows:

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 2 68. (Twice Amended) The method of claim 39, wherein the at least one characteristic abnormal pattern or distribution is identified from a data set of RR intervals.

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